

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 16 to 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 3, 5 to 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28 and 30 as shown below. The claims, as currently pending in the application, read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a displaying unit adapted to display a display screen on an external apparatus;

a selection unit adapted to select a predetermined record of variable data in accordance with a selection via the display screen,

wherinc the displaying unit displays a preview by using the predetermined record of variable data selected by the selecting unit;

a generation unit adapted to generate, in response to a request from [[an]] the external apparatus, print data corresponding to the preview a screen displayed on the display screen on the cxternal apparatus; [[and]]

an obtaining unit adapted to obtain instructions for printing via the display screen; and

a transmission control unit adapted to control transmission so that the print data generated by said generation unit is transmitted to a print server in response to the obtaining unit for obtaining instructions for printing.

2. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a specification unit adapted to specify a template for generating the print data and data to be inserted into the template,

wherein said generation unit generates the print data based on the template and the data specified by said specification unit.

3. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the display screen comprises a display screen displayed on a Web browser, and the request from the external apparatus is communicated between the Web browser on the external apparatus and a Web server on the information processing apparatus.

4. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a determination unit adapted to determine, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, which printer is to be used to perform printing by analyzing the request from the external apparatus,

wherein said transmission control unit controls transmission so that the print data and information designating the printer determined by said determination unit is transmitted.

5. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus according to
Claim 1, further comprising:

[[an]] a second obtaining unit adapted to obtain, when the print server can
transmit data to a plurality of printers, status information on the plurality of printers; and
a selection control unit adapted to prohibit, based on the status information,
an unusable printer from being selected by the external apparatus.

6. (Currently amended) A print system which includes an information
processing apparatus and a print server for causing a printer to perform printing,
comprising:

a displaying unit adapted to display a display screen on an external
apparatus;

a selection unit adapted to select a predetermined record of variable data in
accordance with an input unit on the display screen,

wherin the displaying unit displays a preview by using the predetermined
record of variable data selected by the selecting unit;

a generation unit adapted to generate, in response to a request from [[an]]
the external apparatus, print data corresponding to the preview a screen displayed on the
display screen on the external apparatus; [[and]]

an obtaining unit adapted to obtain instructions for printing via the display
screen; and

a transmission control unit adapted to control transmission so that the print
data generated by said generation unit is transmitted from the information processing

apparatus to the print server in response to the obtaining unit for obtaining instructions for printing.

7. (Currently amended) A print system according to Claim 6, further comprising:

a specification unit adapted to specify, in response to the request from the external apparatus, a template for generating the print data corresponding to the display screen displayed on the external apparatus and data to be inserted into the template,

wherein said generation unit generates the print data based on the template and the data specified by said specification unit.

8. (Currently amended) A print system according to Claim 6, wherein the display screen comprises a display screen displayed on a Web browser, and the request from the external apparatus is communicated between the Web browser on the external apparatus and a Web server on the information processing apparatus.

9. (Original) A print system according to Claim 6, further comprising:

a determination unit adapted to determine, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, which printer is to be used to perform printing by analyzing the request from the external apparatus,

wherein said transmission control unit controls transmission so that the print data and information designating the printer determined by said determination unit is transmitted.

10. (Currently amended) A print system according to Claim 6, further comprising:

[[an]] a second obtaining unit adapted to obtain, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, status information on the plurality of printers; and a selection control unit adapted to prohibit, based on the status information, an unusable printer from being selected by the external apparatus.

11. (Currently amended) An information processing method comprising:
a displaying step of displaying a display screen on an external apparatus;
a selecting step of selecting a predetermined record of variable data in
accordance with a selection via the display screen,

wherein the displaying step displays a preview by using the predetermined
record of variable data selected in the selecting step;

a generating step of generating, in response to a request from [[an]] the external apparatus, print data corresponding to the preview a screen displayed on the display screen on the external apparatus; [[and]]

an obtaining step of obtaining instructions for printing via the display
screen; and

a transmission control step of controlling transmission so that the print data generated in said generating step is transmitted to a print server in response to the obtaining
step for obtaining instructions for printing.

12. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising:

a specifying step of specifying a template for generating the print data and data to be inserted into the template,

wherinc, in said generating step, the print data is generated based on the template and the data specified in said specifying step.

13. (Currently amended) An information processing method according to Claim 11, wherein the display screen comprises a display screen displayed on a Web browser, and the request from the external apparatus is communicated between the Web browser on the external apparatus and a Web server on the information processing apparatus.

14. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising:

a determining step of determining, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, which printer is to be used to perform printing by analyzing the request from the external apparatus,

wherein, in said transmission control step, transmission is controlled so that the print data and information designating the printer determined in said determining step is transmitted.

15. (Currently amended) An information processing method according to Claim 11, further comprising:

[an] a second obtaining step of obtaining, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, status information on the plurality of printers; and

a selection control step of prohibiting, based on the status information, an unusable printer from being selected by the external apparatus.

16. to 20. (Cancelled).

21. (Currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium having stored therein a program for causing a computer to perform processing, the program comprising:

code for a displaying step of displaying a display screen on an external apparatus;

code for a selection step of selecting a predetermined record of variable data in accordance with a selection via the display screen,

wherein the displaying step displays a preview by using the predetermined record of variable data selected in the selecting step;

code for a generating step of generating, in response to a request from [[an]] the external apparatus, print data which corresponds to the preview a screen displayed on the display screen on the external apparatus; [[and]]

code for an obtaining step of obtaining instructions for printing via the display screen; and

code for a transmission control step of controlling transmission so that the print data generated in the generating step is transmitted to a print server in response to the obtaining step of obtaining instructions for printing.

22. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 21, wherein the program further comprises:

code for a specifying step of specifying a template for generating the print data and data to be inserted into the template,

wherein, in the generating step, the print data is generated based on the template and the data specified in the specifying step.

23. (Currently amended) A recording medium according to Claim 21, wherein the display screen comprises a display screen displayed on a Web browser, and the request from the external apparatus is communicated between the Web browser on the external apparatus and a Web server on the information processing apparatus.

24. (Original) A recording medium according to Claim 21, wherein the program further comprises:

code for a determining step of determining, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, which printer is to be used to perform printing by analyzing the request from the external apparatus,

wherein, in the transmission control step, transmission is controlled so that the print data and information designating the printer determined in the determining step is transmitted.

25. (Currently amended) A recording medium according to Claim 21, wherein the program further comprises:

code for [[an]] a second obtaining step of obtaining, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, status information on the plurality of printers; and

code for a selection control step of prohibiting, based on the status information, an unusable printer from being selected by the external apparatus.

26. (Currently amended) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable medium, the computer-executable program for causing a computer to perform processing, comprising:

code for a displaying step of displaying a display screen on an external apparatus;

code for a selection step of selecting a predetermined record of variable data in accordance with a selection via the display screen,

wherein the displaying step displays a preview by using the predetermined record of variable data selected in the selecting step;

code for a generating step of generating, in response to a request from [[an]] the external apparatus, print data which corresponds to the preview a screen displayed on the display screen on the external apparatus; [[and]]

code for an obtaining step of obtaining instructions for printing via the display screen; and

code for a transmission control step of controlling transmission so that the print data generated in the generating step is transmitted to a print server in response to the obtaining step of obtaining instructions for printing.

27. (Previously presented) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 26, further comprising:
code for a specifying step of specifying a template for generating the print data and data to be inserted into the template,
wherein, in the generating step, the print data is generated based on the template and the data specified in the specifying step.

28. (Currently amended) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 26, wherein the display screen comprises a display screen displayed on a Web browser, and the request from the external apparatus is communicated between the Web browser on the external apparatus and a Web server on the information processing apparatus.

29. (Previously presented) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 26, further comprising:
code for a determining step of determining, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, which printer is to be used to perform printing by analyzing the request from the external apparatus,
wherein, in the transmission control step, transmission is controlled so that the print data and information designating the printer determined in the determining step is transmitted.

30. (Currently amended) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 26, further comprising:

code for [[an]] a second obtaining step of obtaining, when the print server can transmit data to a plurality of printers, status information on the plurality of printers; and

code for a selection control step of prohibiting, based on the status information, an unusable printer from being selected by the external apparatus.